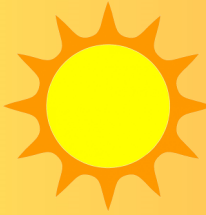


Around The Spire

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for the parishioners of Quedgeley &
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Fr. Hugh Broad



FIVE MARKS FOR MISSION.

1. TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM.

Sounds very easy doesn't it? But hang on a minute - to proclaim something does make demands on us!

Let me share with you something from my past to illustrate what I mean.

Many years ago before ordination ! had for a couple of years a part-time post with a local newspaper. It was quite a revelation! The paper was a weekly covering a large slice of South Shropshire. This was of course long before the days of computers and laptops, so the printed word had a very real and important place. My task with this paper was to act as local correspondent to deliver items of a wide variety as a part of the publication.

The News Editor was at I pains to point out that the challenge to meet the needs of the reading public were these three elements: ACCURACY; ENTHUSIASM; BRIEF AND TO THE POINT! Only then, he pointed out would the paper achieve its aim and I must adopt these points to the letter!

So, now let us adopt these principles in our task of Proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom

Firstly - to do our best to put ourselves in the place of the reader of 'Around the Spire' and make what we say or write relevant to what we are seeking to put across as -

THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

To start this exercise, please look at these quotes from St Mark's Gospel -
ch 1 vv 16-20; ch 4 vv 1-20; ch 4 vv 35-40; ch 9 vv 33-37; ch 10 vv 23-31.

There are of course very many other passages in the Bible with a similar message.

I choose these because when I was an RE teacher in a Church Secondary School, I found that St Mark's Gospel the easiest to put across.

Having read these, please select one to us with this PROCLAMATION OF THE GOOD NEWS!

So it is important that you relate it either vocally or in writing the accurate way in which the person who used this to get across the truths of the message of Jesus.

It is equally important to show how enthusiastic you are in your approach. It is a well known fact that nothing is as infectious as enthusiasm! If you can exhibit this in the way you put across that this is a PROCLAMATION it will be remembered in the time ahead.

So finally do be reasonably brief! All of us can look back on times when a lesson or indeed a sermon makes us 'switch off' and so all our efforts will have been in vain!

IN CONCLUSION - choose something, a poem, an act of worship or as I prefer the words of a favourite hymn which speaks aloud what it is that is in our minds.

SO HERE IS MINE - GO TELL EVERYONE - which is number 231 (Complete Anglican Hymn Book)

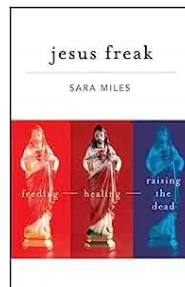
Go on - try it for yourself!

BOOK REVIEW - ON THIS SUBJECT

"JESUS FREAK" - a telling, amusing approach to this vital subject. Very worthwhile to help us as Christians to understand it better.

Written by Sara Miles, Director of Ministry at St Gregory Episcopal Church in San Francisco.

Pub by Canterbury Press. Fr Hugh can obtain it for you if you wish

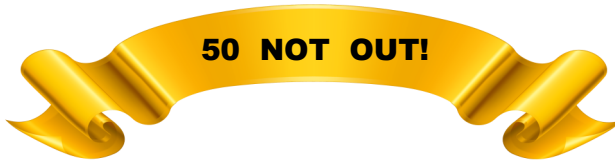


**Afternoon Tea
at Lu & Ian Pearce's
8th July at 3pm**

**To book or find out further
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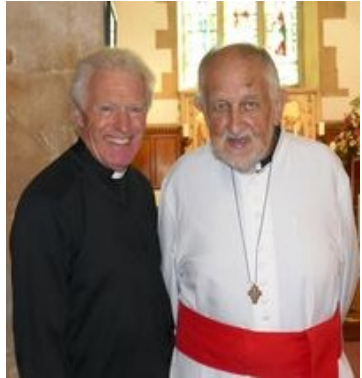
**In aid of Saint James'
Church Quedgeley**



Members of the Church of St James here in Quedgeley will be well aware of the interests of cricket amongst some of the Ministry Team in the parish!

The title as above seems right to mark the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of The Revd Ian Robb, one of our members.

On the anniversary day, Saturday July 1st the occasion will be marked with a Sung Eucharist at St James when a gathering of priests and friends and parishioners will assemble together.



Fr Ian, as he is usually called, started life at Millom in the Diocese of Carlisle in a churchgoing family. It was here that he felt his calling to the ordained ministry. Accepted for training, this followed at Kings College London and St Augustine's College in Canterbury. He was ordained deacon in 1972 and as priest a year later in the Diocese of Chelmsford. His title parish was at East Ham in London before moving to the Diocese of Gloucester for a second curacy at St Philip and James in Leckhampton. Fr Ian then served as parish priest, first at St Michael's Cheltenham and then at St Bartholomew's at Lower Cam and Coaley.



Then it was time for Retirement Ministry here in Quedgeley. Here he and his wife soon found a welcome to their new home and parish. Ian serves as a member of the large team of five retired priests to assist the new Parish Priest, Revd Mark. There are plenty of opportunities of exercising priestly ministry in this large parish of some 27,000 people and also help in other churches too. Fr Ian also prepares the Rotas for the clergy and the Weekly Newsletter. His wife, Jill acts as sacristan and a flower arranger amongst other things!

Ian is a very keen conservationist - gardening and birdwatching occupy much of his time as well as being a school governor.

When he and I met to prepare this tribute, it was quite natural that we also shared our thoughts on where the Church is going in recent times. We recall that when the Bishop licensed us to the parish it was to be 'the cure of souls' with all that this means. We believe that a parish priest is just that! To minister to all, to be seen in and around the parish and relating to all and sundry.

We both feel strongly feel that as we look back we would not have wanted to do anything else!



So here we are! Celebrating with thanks to Almighty God for giving us a faithful priest as he, Father Ian, truly is .a colleague and friend to us all!

Fr Hugh your Editor.



Fr. Ian calling out bingo numbers

Getting stuck in to the church cleaning

Next job...washing up

Apart from his duties in the ministry, Fr. Ian is always willing to help in the day to day activities at St. James' whether it's church cleaning, serving refreshments, washing up or calling out Bingo at our Tea @ 2 group. Here are a few photos of him in action!



Fr. Ian and his wife Jill

Creation Care - Keeping Cool

By Revd. Mark Siddall



A few months ago I wrote about heat gain and loss through windows. During winter we were concerned about letting heat in as sunlight through windows and conservatories. Now we need to keep heat out during this hot summer and let in as much cool air in as we can over the day-night cycle. Let's work through the day. The rules are simple. In the morning open windows and curtains on the shady side of the house as long as it is cooler inside than out. Keep curtains closed on the sunny side of the house. Isolate glass conservatories, which trap heat from the rest of the house by closing doors or using curtains or drapes. Be especially sure to keep upstairs windows and curtains closed on the sunny side of the house because open windows can create a chimney effect to draw more hot air into the house. In the evening and night time open windows and curtains to let as much cooler air in as possible. It's not perfect but it will help and it costs nothing!

Out and About with Revd. Mark

A great, but perhaps unexpected treat in our parish is a little shop called Hillray Billtong and South African products, which is in the Waterwells end of Kingsway. It is best known to the many folk from Southern Africa, including Zimbabwe, who live in our parish who often pop in to buy home favourites that they are pining for, or are family staples.



Having worked as a voluntary teacher in Zimbabwe for a year, I have a taste for biltong and drywors, which are dried meat and sausage. Hillray Billtong make their own and it is very good. We have also tried their home made boerewors, which are a beef sausage spiced with toasted coriander seed, black pepper, nutmeg, cloves and allspice. These are really delicious and well worth trying for yourself - great barbecued as a summer treat.

Whether you are from the region and missing home or you just like to try something new for yourself, this is a real treasure of a shop right on our doorstep. Why not give it a try?

“Lights in their Own Generation”

A series celebrating, month by month, some of those who left a special mark on the history of the worldwide Christian Church.

“Lights” that shine in July & August by Fr. Ian Robb



3rd: Thomas the Apostle – one of the twelve chosen by Jesus; famous for insisting that he must see the risen Christ for himself rather than rely on the excitable reaction of the others. Thomas is one of the founders of the Church in India. 11th: Benedict of Nursia – the monk who established the monastery at Monte Casino, and the author of a “Rule of Life” which is followed by many religious communities and individuals world-wide.

14th: John Keble, priest, poet, & scholar – a son of Gloucestershire, he was a founder-member of the Oxford Movement in 1833 which sought to protect the Church of England from political interference and erroneous doctrine.

20th: Margaret of Antioch, martyr – a leading member of the church in Antioch in the early 4th century, well-known for her thoughtful preaching. She was executed for her faith during a wholesale persecution of the Church on the orders of the emperor Diocletian.

22nd: Mary Magdalene, companion of Jesus - healed by Jesus, she was one of a group of women who ministered to Jesus and the twelve. She was a witness to his crucifixion and was privileged to be the first to greet the risen Lord.

25th: James the Apostle – one of the four fishermen who were the first to be called by Jesus to “follow me”. He was also the first of the twelve to be executed for his faith. Patron saint of Quedgeley.

29th: Mary, Martha, & Lazarus – residents of Bethany, they provided hospitality and shelter for Jesus and the twelve. Lazarus was restored to life by Jesus; Mary & Martha both professed their belief that Jesus is the Messiah

5th August: Oswald of Northumbria – Educated by the monks of St Columba on Iona, he became a Christian before his return to Northumbria as king. He worked closely with the monks of Lindisfarne to make his kingdom a vibrant centre of the faith.

6th: the Transfiguration of our Lord – Jesus confirms the statement of faith made by Peter, James, & John, that he is indeed the Messiah.

9th: Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers Union – it was in 1876 that Mary (married to a young curate & mother of three children) called a meeting which provided a forum to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of ringing up children in the Christian faith. The Mothers Union is now a world wide organisation.

11th: Clare of Assisi – she was greatly influenced by the teaching & lifestyle of St Francis & founded her own religious community along the lines of that which had been set up by Francis. She composed the first Rule of Life to be written by a woman and after Francis' death she continued to support his companions.

15th: The Blessed Virgin Mary – called to be the Mother of the Lord, her response “Let it be to me according to your word” shows the strength of her character and the depth of her commitment. This day is celebrated as the major feast day of the Blessed Virgin throughout Christendom.

24th: Bartholomew the Apostle – otherwise known as Nathaniel barTolmai; called by Jesus “an Israelite worthy of the name”. He also travelled to India and then to Armenia, where he gave his life for the faith he professed.

29th: The Beheading of John the Baptist – John was the forerunner of Christ in both birth and death. Jesus praised him as the promised Elijah, and after John's death he took up John's call to repentance.

31st: Aidan of Lindisfarne - a monk sent from Iona to lead the new community on Lindisfarne, he travelled widely across the north of England teaching the faith and establishing Christian communities.

StJ's Family fun, laughter

and worship, snacks, coffee/

tea afterwards



1st Sunday in every month 10.30am

The Big Splash !

On 4th June a combined StJ Family and Baptism service was held. This was not one of your ordinary baptism ceremonies. The font was a paddling pool outdoors! Just as John the Baptist had baptised Jesus in the River Jordan (Matthew 3: 3-17) so too were the candidates totally immersed in the water! Luckily it was a beautiful hot sunny day to dry off. The service was conducted by Revd. Mark and Revd. Ann. Light refreshments followed the service. It was a joyful occasion for all concerned.



St. **J**ames and St. **M**ary Magdalene Quedgeley & Kingsway
The **JaM** Sessions

YOUR INVITATION

Every Sunday, 5-6pm @St James Kingsway and Quedgeley, teens or any age. Music, Singing, Food & Fun!



Together we work out what church is for and grow in friendship

Summer Fayre 2023

On Saturday 10th June we held our Summer Fayre in the church yard. The question on everyone's minds was 'Would the hot sunny weather continue until Saturday?' In the past we have survived gale force winds (yes in June!), rain and sun. We were not disappointed the sun shone for most of the day but at 3.45pm it started to thunder a sign to pack up. A huge thanks to every volunteer, who helped to make it a very successful day.





What I am praying about ... by Revd. Mark



The word 'exclusive' is sometimes used in advertising at the moment in a way which concerns me. The word is used in a way which sees us as having some sort of special priority or status by excluding, rather than including others. It is as if this special status is more important, more 'godly'. Yet the bible begins with distinctiveness. Light and dark, sea and land, God and Creatures. Adam is lonely without someone else distinct from him and so Eve is created.

Diversity is a fundamental part of life in the Community of Creation. Each is defined and made unique in relation to the other, each is defined by including, not excluding difference. Our diversity and not exclusivity is the fundamental reason that we are equal before God. We are equal because we are different, not because we are the same.

Inclusive Church celebrates difference in the broadest terms - disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality. Over November and December 2022, the Parochial Church Council consulted with the congregation about joining the organisation called Inclusive Church and received only very positive support.

As a result the PCC have agreed that we become members of Inclusive Church 'in witness and solidarity with other members'. Our membership will be recognised during Sunday worship on 18th June. My prayer is that we continue to flourish as a worshipping community that holds diversity in our human gifts and challenges as well as in theological understanding with love and respect for each other as we continue to work for God's Kingdom of Peace and Justice in this place of Kingsway and Quedgeley.

My grandma's prayer and one of my favourites is 'Thank God we are all different' and this too is my prayer.

AMEN

Lovell Cornwall sent us this:-

Let us labour for the Master, from the dawn to setting sun,

Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care,

Then when all life is over, and our work on earth is done,

And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

Words by J. M Black

Quedgeley Town Council



We start this month by saying a big thank you to everyone who came along to the Annual Dog Show, held on 4th June at the Kingsway Sports Pavilion.

The weather was fantastic and there was a great turn out and we are sure that all the dogs thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Every dog came away with a rosette and some treats to make it worth their while and their owners were able to enjoy an ice cream from the ice cream van. Once again, these events take months to prepare and involve a lot of hard work and resources so your support makes it all worth while.

Preparations are now in place for the Fireworks Display which is due to take place at Fisher's Meadow on Saturday 11th November 2023. It may seem early but this is our biggest event and requires months of preparation.

The annual accounts are now open for public inspection until Friday 14th July 2023. If you wish to view the accounts then an appointment can be made with The Clerk by either contacting the office on 01452 721552 or via email on Office@quedgeley-tc.gov.uk

It is important to note that even though this edition covers 2 months, the council continues to work tirelessly behind the scenes, maintaining playparks, the cemetery, allotments, grass cutting (specific areas), nature reserve, hiring of community centres/sports halls, planning applications and much, much more.

Your council is a one stop shop for all enquiries, we might not be able to answer every question but we will certainly do our best to point you in the right direction. Meetings continue to be held and the year planner can be seen on our website, www.quedgeley-tc.gov.uk.



One recent event led to the councillors meeting with the children at Field court Infant Academy.

It was a request made by the school for councillors to engage with children regarding what the council does and how. Your councillors went along with some pictures and lots of information tailored of course to the younger person.

It was interesting to note that the most famous face on the council was the Easter Bunny!! We would like to thank Field court Infants for welcoming us for the afternoon and would say to any other infant school in the area that we are available for similar meetings.

A reminder to everyone that your Town Council Office is situated in the same retail park as Matalan. We are open Mondays – Fridays, 9.30am – 2.30pm. We are also available on email, Office@quedgeley-tc.gov.uk up until 5pm. You can also follow us on Facebook on www.facebook.com/qtccouncillors

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

**JUNE 4th Ava Carmen Lewis
 James Paul Michael Berry
 Isobel Rowan Margaret Berry**

11th Boden Cayn Midlane- Theakston

"WELCOME TO THE LORD'S FAMILY"

Articles for September edition should be with the Editor. Fr. Hugh Broad hugh.broad@yahoo.co.uk by August 20th You can contact Fr. Hugh on 01452 541078 or 07928455674

Services at Saint James' Church Quedgeley

You are warmly invited to...

Morning Prayer - 9.15am daily during term time

Holy Communion - Wednesday 10.00am

Holy Communion - Sunday 10.30AM except for the first Sunday in the month when said Communion is at 9.15am.

STJ'S Family Service - First Sunday in the month 10.30am

JAM - Every Sunday at 5pm - 6pm



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Saint James' Church Quedgeley Fund Raiser



Ploughman's Lunch & choice of yummy dessert! 12.30pm -2.00pm

Saturday 9th September
Saint James' Church Quedgeley GL2 4PN

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